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CHURCH NEWS BRIEFS

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras -- At its recent meeting here, the Christian Education Task Force of the Episcopal Church's Province IX discussed its role in the provincial synod next November and made plans for a provincial Christian education event this summer. The group also considered criteria for allocating funds from the Church School Missionary Offering on the theme, "The Child: Our Future Now -- the Children of Province IX," which the Task Force helped to develop. The Task Force, which is chaired by the Rev. James Ottley of Panama, is also developing material for use throughout the Episcopal Church during the Week of Christian Education, May 31 to June 7 on the theme, "The Educator in the Church." Bishop Hugo Pina of Honduras was the celebrant at the concluding Eucharist. The Rev. Fred Howard and the Rev. David Perry of the Episcopal Church Center staff in New York attended the meeting.

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VAILS GATE, N. Y. -- A seminar on "Christian Life and Practice" will be held at the Convent of St. Helena here from June 26 to July 5. The format includes addresses, discussions, study, silence, recreation and a two-day conducted retreat. Participants will share in the life and work of the community including the daily offering of the Eucharist and the four Offices. The seminar will be limited to 12 persons. A donation of \$100 per person is suggested. Interested women and men over the age of 21 may secure further information or an application form by writing: Seminar, Convent of St. Helena, P.O. Box 426, Vails Gate, N. Y. 12584.

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LONDON -- Mrs. H. B. Dehqani-Tafti, wife of the Anglican Bishop of Iran now in exile, has received the Ross McWhirter Award for "heroism in the face of terrorism." She saved her husband's life when gunmen tried to assassinate him last year. The award was established in memory of one of the founders of the Guinness Book of Records who was killed in London in 1975 by members of the Irish Republican Army (IRA).

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NEW YORK -- Entries are now being received by the Communication Office at the Episcopal Church Center here for the William E. Leidt Award, which honors excellence in religious reporting in the secular press. Open to regular editorial employees of newspapers, news magazines and news wire services, the contest provides for a check of \$100 and a citation to the writer who produces the best article or series of articles of religious interest in the secular press during the preceding year. February 1 is the deadline for the submission of entries and the winner will be announced in April. Del Brinkman, dean of the distinguished William Allen White School of Journalism, University of Kansas, is the judge for the 1980 entries.

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WILTON, Conn. -- Morehouse-Barlow, Co. announces that it will publish in February a large type edition of Morning Prayer, Rites I and II, and the Psalter in a single, paper bound volume selling for \$12.95. This special edition is intended to aid those with special reading and sight problems and will be similar to the large type edition of The Holy Eucharist that was published by the company in 1977. Morehouse-Barlow Co. is at 78 Danbury Road, Wilton, Conn. 06897.

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CHICAGO -- The forty-second National Interfaith Conference on Religion, Art and Architecture will be held at the Radisson Hotel here, May 11-13, and the theme will be "Change or Decay." The conference is designed to help theologians, denominational leaders, loan administrators, ministers, rabbis, architects and artists to share insights in the forms of worship and service to the community. The program will include addresses, workshops and tours of religious buildings of the major faiths in Chicago. Episcopalians may receive further information from the Episcopal Commission of Religious Art and Architecture, Episcopal Church Building Fund, 815 Second Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017.

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